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Software Definable Radio Aviation Key to Global Interoperability

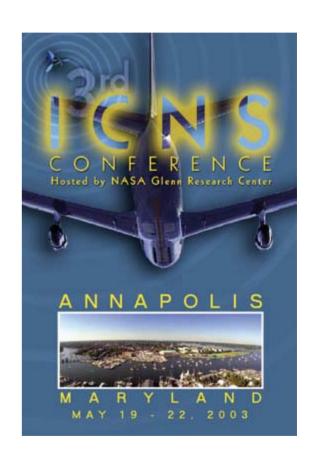
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General Dynamics Decision Systems

Content

- The aviation need
 - Global interoperability
- SDR as a solution
- General Dynamics expertise
 - → The future



The Challenge: Global Harmonization of ADS-B Datalink

Many factors influence selection of datalink:

- State decisions
- □ Large vs small aircraft link decision (US)
- Domestic vs International operations
- 7 Oceanic
- Availability of Frequency spectrum
- Frequency congestion

The Solution: A Software Definable Radio

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What is a Software Definable Radio?

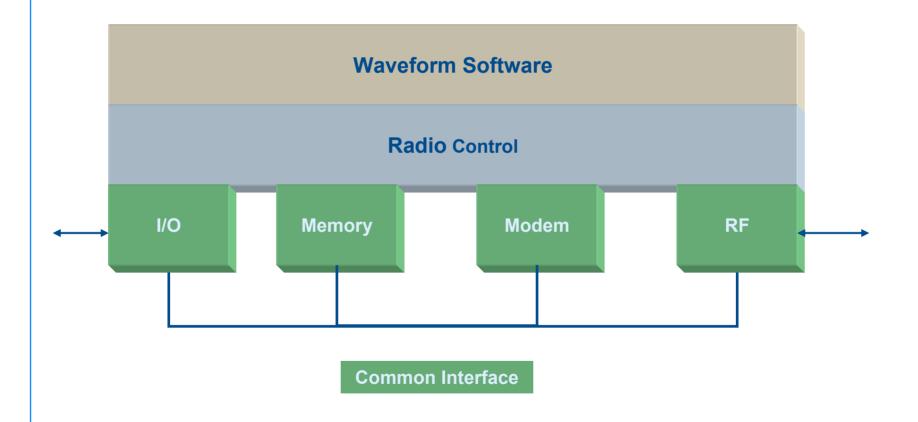
The Marketing Perspective

- Handset capable to support next 10 years worth mobile waveforms
- 7 Can be loaded with new features "over the air"
- Product evolution is accomplished through software changes

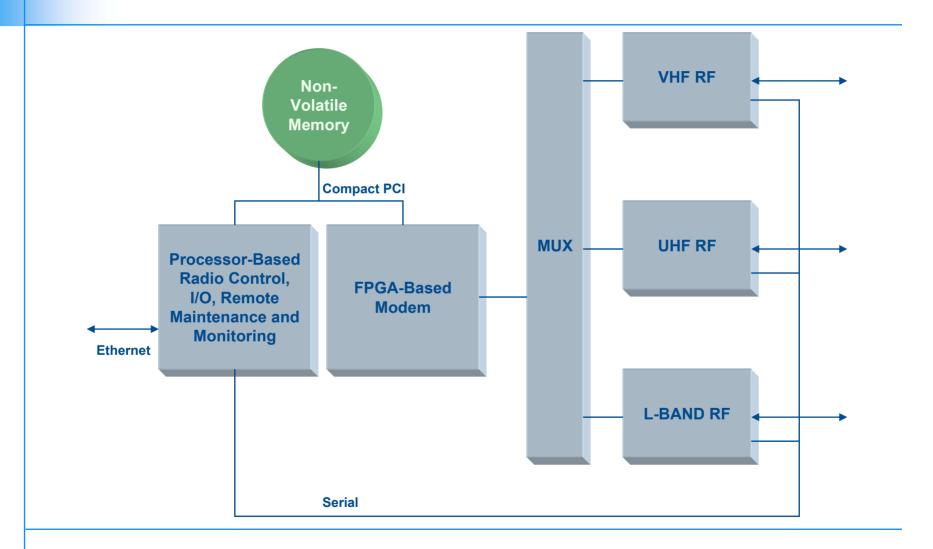
The Engineering Perspective

- Transceiver that must tune from DC to Daylight instantly
- 7 Enormous dynamic range
- 7 Unheard of linearity
- Suffused with software hooks
- Software architecture with more layers than a wedding cake

SDR Functional Architecture



SDR Notional Architecture



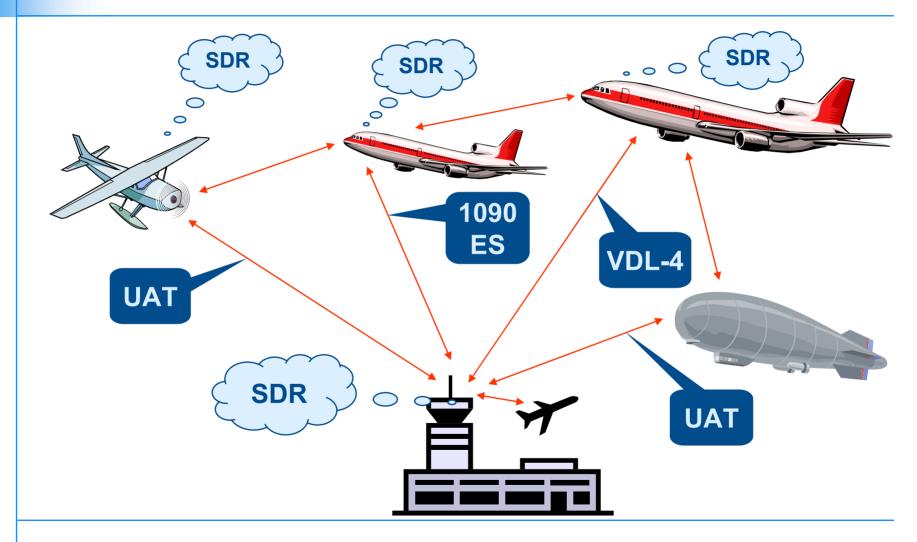
Software Definable Radio Benefits

- One radio on the aircraft and one radio on the ground.
- Simultaneously handles multi frequencies and applications.

UAT
1090 MHz
VDL-4
Satellite
Other

ADS-B
TIS
FIS
Messaging
Voice

SDR Ensures Interoperability



General Dynamics Expertise in SDR

Developed and fielded several SDR products

- → Aircraft
- 7 Ships
- Portable

Capabilities

Simultaneously handle multiple frequencies and waveforms

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- → Fully field re-programmable
- The next step is miniaturization

The Looking Glass

Software Definable Radio

- On the aircraft
- On the ground

Global Interoperability

- Aircraft can fly anywhere
- Always able to communicate, navigate and surveil

Cost Reduction

One radio with redundancy

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Reduced sparing, training

